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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN COLLIER COUNTY RELEASES 2019 COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT



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**Naples, Fla. —**The Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) is pleased to announce the release of the 2019 Community Health Assessment (CHA) – a comprehensive report that identifies priority issues related to the health and wellbeing of the residents of Collier County. The goal of the CHA is to develop strategies to address the community’s health needs and identified issues.

The 2019 CHA identified the top five priority health areas in Collier County as mental health, chronic diseases, access to care, alcohol and drug use, and health of older adults. The approach used to attain these priority areas was a strong collaboration with private and public partners, community engagement, data collection, and data analysis. This process would not have been possible without the partnership and support of the NCH Healthcare System.

Stephanie Vick, Administrator, DOH-Collier, states the information gathered in the assessment will allow our community to direct efforts to improve the health and well-being of our residents. “The Community Health Assessment will assist us and our community partners in addressing the health needs of our residents. It is an essential public health tool used to understand our community. Through our collaborative efforts, we can continue to make Collier County the healthiest place to live, work, and play.”

The CHA highlights the findings of four assessments that were completed to gather information for improving the health of our community. These four assessments – Community Themes and Strengths Assessment, Local Public Health Assessment, Community Health Status Assessment, and Forces of Change Assessment – are part of the community health improvement process used to improve the local public health system and to guide our health planning process.

The Community Health Assessment can be found on Twitter @HealthyCollier or at <http://collier.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health-planning-and-statistics/public-health-information/colliercountycommunityhealthassessment.html>

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